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The Journal was two or three days late in discovering that the republican conspirators had been outflanked in the legal maneuvers to secure an early decision in the tunnel precinct case, but it finally got there.

Isn't the esteemed Herald a little wild in its arithmetic in stating that Gov. White's report gives the indebtedness of the sixteen counties as sixteen millions of dollars? We didn't suppose it was one-tenth of that sum.

The court proceedings at Butte next Monday will tell the story whether the republican manipulators are honest or not in desiring the admission of Montana. Let us see if they fight for the delay of the mandamus proceeding. That will test their sincerity.

The republican conspirators are evidently losing their heads. The silly bluster of their chief Helena organ about the alleged partiality of the judges who agreed upon the special term of court in the Silver Bow district indicates that they are in a panic at the thought of getting into court.

If Judge Bach, as the most disinterested party, were called in to try the Silver Bow case, he could not sit in the hearing of the appeal if a special session of the supreme court were appointed to try the case on appeal, and both Blake and DeWolfe would be disqualified from direct personal interest in the result.—Herald.

Will you please tell us how a special session of the supreme court can be appointed? The sessions of that tribunal are fixed by law.

These are times of mighty railroad movements. Our dispatches to-day bring the news of a working alliance between the Chicago and Northwestern and Union Pacific systems with a Vanderbilt backing. The Northern Pacific has just been put on a solid basis by the masterly financiering of Villard; and the Manitoba system reorganized and strengthened by new capital. All these movements mean the development and prosperity of the great northwest.

The decision of Judge Hiram Knowles in another contested Montana election case is solid ground for the democratic counsel in the Silver Bow case. Said Judge Knowles:

This is a question which the canvassers had nothing to do with. It is no part of their duty to determine what was the true and legal vote cast. What they were required to do was to determine what the returns showed.

The fact that the exigencies of politics now bring Mr. Knowles into court as a lawyer to knock out his own decision as a judge, only lends great interest to the situation.

The full terms of the water contract should be made public several days before the city commits itself to it. Let our citizens see its provisions and have opportunity to criticize them. There must be no burdensome restrictions on the use of water by private consumers; there must be a proviso that failure in volume or quality of water shall make void the contract. The city must not be tied up to a long agreement from which it cannot escape. Let everything be open and above-board in this all-important matter.

To back up the case of the returning board scoundrels in Silver Bow county the Journal quotes from Judge McCreary's book, "The American Law of Elections." A very good authority. And the case of the Journal's friends, the ballot thieves, is knocked in the head in these words from the very passage quoted by the Journal: "In election cases, however, before a return can be set aside, there must be proof that the proceedings in the conduct of the election or in the return of the vote were so tainted with fraud that the truth could not be deduced from the returns." Now in the tunnel precinct vote there was no evidence to prove fraud and not the slightest pretense was made that the truth could not be deduced from the returns. The entire precinct was thrown out on the ground of trifling irregularities that no honest set of men would consider for a moment.

With the republican newspapers of Montana jumping on him for refusing to protect our lead interest, and those of California assailing him for not enforcing the Chinese exclusion act, it would seem as though Mr. Harrison's secretary of the treasury had about all the load he could carry, but the Denver Republican hits him a rap on another side in these words: "People who are expecting Secretary Windom to order the purchase of \$4,000,000 worth of silver bullion for coinage every month will probably be

disappointed. Mr. Windom takes all financial ideas and policies from Wall street, and Wall street is hopelessly hostile to silver. It would not make so much difference about Mr. Windom's attitude if it were not for the unfortunate fact that President Harrison seems to be quite as completely under the influence of the gold bugs as Mr. Cleveland was." Our republican friends are beginning to see that Mr. Harrison is just the sort of man the democrats said he was last year.

ON THE TRAIL OF THE THIEVES.

Bribery, perjury and theft are among the principal crimes of the agents of the republican conspirators who set out to steal the state legislature and two seats in the United States senate. Lying, false pretenses, plying their ignorant victims with liquor are among their minor offenses. As the conspiracy is slowly unraveled it will be found that the returning board thieves who stole the electoral vote of Louisiana were very common, everyday fellows compared with the cunning rascals in Helena and Butte, who planned and so nearly succeeded in consummating the theft of Montana.

Our dispatch from Butte this morning gives in part the story of the crime of the witness-hunters at precinct 34 in Silver Bow county. A more villainous job was never undertaken by any set of men that this attempt to secure manufactured evidence on which to give the canvassers their flimsy pretext for throwing out as fair and honest a vote as ever was cast in Montana. The full details of the conspiracy are yet to be told. All the facts will not come out until the doings of the ex-convict affidavit-maker and his confederates are laid before the grand jury, but enough will be made public to show in still clearer light the infamy of the men who have brought disgrace and shame upon the state.

CROSS-CUTS.

First hand-organ man—How goes it Gari-baldi?

Second hand-organ man—Same old grind.

Hides are now tanned by electricity, and the small boy yearns a yearn for glass breeches.—New York Herald.

The Chicago News says "Murat Halstead is now figuring as the stub toe of Ohio politics."

Carping passenger—Why didn't you let me out at Thirteenth street as I asked you to?

Happy conductor—Oh 'm sorry te' trouble Oi gey ye ma'm, but I t'ought it a shame te' have sich a purty leddy near sich an unlucky number. Oi 'm speakin' truth!—Puck.

Hostess—Won't you say something, Mr. Greene? Mr. Greene—There are so many strangers here, I — Hostess—Never mind them; they'll be gone before you get half through.—Epoch.

An article in the Appeal wonders what will become of "The Last Man." Oh, he's all right. The last woman will get him. She is waiting for him. The first woman, it was noticed, got the first man.—New Orleans Picayune.

He—You pretend you're drowning, love, and I'll jump in and rescue you. She—Not much! I tried that last year, and the only thing the gentleman did was to run a mile up the beach for assistance.—Harper's Bazar.

A few weeks ago Prince Bismarck entered an ordinary inn in the neighborhood of his estate of Friedrichsruh and purchased a glass of cognac and some of the well-known black bread which is such a favorite in northern Prussia. As soon as he left the room a citizen of Hamburg rushed to the owner and purchased the cognac glass, the plate and the crusts of bread which remained for five francs. These relics he will place in his family cabinet.

C. A. Lester, of Schley county, Georgia, says that he has quit raising cotton and gone into a better business. Schley is a dry county and imports a great deal of whisky in jugs. All the women know that the jugs contain whisky. He has gone to raising gourds. He has one gourd vine that covers a quarter of an acre of land, and there are thirty-three gourds on it that will hold from a pint to a quart. He says that the gourds are better to hold liquor than the jugs and are much lighter to carry.

Professor of Journalism—Mr. Smith, how would you answer an unanswerable argument in an opposition paper?

Student—Call it a "yawp."—Cornell Sun.

The duke of Portland is credited with having won £71,486 during the racing season of 1889, of which his celebrated horse Donovan netted him £38,206. In the two years, 1888-9, the duke's winnings amounted to £98,298, or within a small fraction of \$500,000. Of this great winning Donovan is credited with £54,694, or something over \$250,000. The duke of Portland is a lucky man and his horse Donovan a remarkable runner. But what about the people who lost the \$500,000?

There was a sign upon a fence:
 The sign was "Paint."
 And everybody that went by,
 Sinner and saint,
 Put out a finger and touched the fence,
 And onward sped,
 And as he wiped his finger-tips,
 "It is," he said.

—Exchange.

Doc. Ames in Hot Water.
 MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Oct. 24.—Ex-Mayor Ames, whose remarks about "Preist ridden Ireland" on his return from Europe lately caused such a revulsion of feeling among his Irish admirers, has received five threatening letters signed, "Irishman," "Catholic," "Clan Na Gael," etc. They warn him that he does not leave the country he will suffer the fate of Dr. Cronin.

The New Yorkers Win.

BROOKLYN, Oct. 24.—The fifth world's championship boxing score was: New York, 11; Brooklyn, 3. The batteries were: For New York, Crane and Brown; for Brooklyn, Carruthers, Clarke and Bushong.

ABOUT THE WATER SUPPLY.

Comment on the Metre System—Laying New Pipe—The Contract.

The water contract with the Consolidated water company, of which George F. Woolston is the head, is not fully drawn up. It was stated yesterday that Mr. Woolston proposes introducing the metre system in Helena in private dwellings, and the result was that numerous protests were heard against having such a system. The contract permits him to place metres in hotels, public bath-rooms, restaurants and other public places where a quantity of water is likely to be used. Mr. Woolston claims that he desires to place metres in places only where he has reason to believe there is a great waste of water. A majority of the aldermen oppose the metre system as far as it relates to private dwellings.

Chairman Loeb of the water committee, says that he is daily asked by people in all portions of the city why it is that the water supply has not been extended to the different parts of the city where the council has authorized the work to be done. Mr. Loeb says that instructions have been given to the water company to lay these extensions and they would have laid the work well under way by this time if the pipe would arrive. Orders for pipe were sent long ago, but the manufacturers are so crowded with orders that they suit their own convenience in filling the Helena order. Mr. Woolston says it is a matter of much difficulty to secure pipe within any reasonable time and he anticipates the same difficulty in prosecuting the work of which the city council may authorize after he signs the contract.

There is considerable talk about the contract and many people have expressed a desire to see it before it is acted upon. There is also a growing feeling against awarding a five-year contract and it is very doubtful if a contract for such a term will be let. Alderman Lasser told an independent reporter last night that Mr. Woolston will not get a ten-year contract as the council had decided, and doubts even if he will get a five-year contract. He further said that investigation into the city charter would show that the city council has no authority to let a contract for more than one year's time. He said a case of this kind had been decided by Judge Wade while he was chief justice of the supreme court. The case was that of a contractor who had been awarded a contract for a five-year term, but the court decided that the city council had no authority to let a contract for more than one year's time. The present supply was here long before he came. Mr. Woolston will willingly accept a contract for one year before he gets through.

MRS. HOWE'S LECTURE.

She Entertains a Large Audience at Encore Hall.

A large audience, composed of the bright and thoughtful people of Helena, filled Encore hall last night, and greeted Mrs. Julia Ward Howe with an appreciative reception. It speaks wonders for the class of people there, that it can be said they were punctual and there was none of the straggling in for a half hour after time, or more, which marks the fore part of so many of Helena's entertainments. Mrs. Howe appeared shortly after eight o'clock and was introduced by Col. W. F. Sanders in a few appropriate words. She delivered her lecture in a quiet, cultivated voice that was very pleasant to the ear. Her style was conversational but eloquent, but it is such as to secure the complete attention of her audience. Her face shows the strength of intellect which has given her her reputation, tempered with that kindness and tenderness which is no less a part of that reputation. All softened by the quietness of age. Her lecture occupied a little over an hour and seemed all too short to her audience. As her subject implied, "Is polite society polite?" there were very serious doubts that it could be answered affirmatively. She referred to so-called "polite society's" claim of a monopoly of the desirable quality, but weighing it by the true definition—that politeness is but the outward expression of inward gentleness, tolerance and kindness—she was forced to conclude that its claims were ill-founded. Flattery was condemned and sincerity upheld as the test of true politeness. Consideration for the absent as well as those present was given as the true rule of politeness in contrast to the habit of deduction, so often indulged in. The effect of wealth and seeking and attaining so-called high social position does not spoil every sincere nature, but it does not spoil all the exceptions, not the rule. The heartlessness of the rich to their poor relatives and former friends was strongly condemned, as was the shallowness of that religion that shells out the poor and stranger from its hospitality of the church. Many were the good points and well made.

After the lecture Col. Sanders announced that Mrs. Howe would gladly meet her lady friends at Hotel Broadway from 11 to 1 o'clock to-day. Nevertheless many staid and the gentle old lady held quite a levee for a little while.

THE KENTUCKY FEUD.

Revised List of the Howard and Turner Fatalities.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Oct. 24.—A special this morning gives a corrected statement of the killed and wounded in the factional fight near Harlan court house yesterday. Two hours before daylight the law and order party, hitherto styled the Turner faction, of Harlan county, fifty men in all, armed with Winchester rifles and revolvers, under the leadership of County Judge Lewis, left the court house and made the assault on the Howard forces, in camp at E. N. Howard's house, a mile from town. The engagement was short, sharp and terrific and none of the attacking party was hurt. On the Howard side, Millard Dean was instantly killed, and six others wounded. Among the wounded are Bird Spurlock and Robert Napier, whose injuries are mortal; Ben Mitchell and George Cole, shot in the legs; Thomas Howard, flesh wound in the thigh; Jim Spurlock had a close call. A bullet grazed his temple, tearing a hand full of hair and a few inches of skin, but not fracturing the skull. Will Jennings was shot through the hand and it was reported that Wilson Howard was mortally wounded, but a few lines later are that he escaped unhurt. The Howard gang is badly demoralized and Tuesday night changed camp to a point about three miles from the court house.

Blew His Brains Out.
 WATERLOO, Wis., Oct. 24.—Louis Kellerman, who shot and fatally wounded his wife yesterday, concealed himself in the loft of his mother's barn after the shooting. Hearing his young brother below this morning, and supposing the officers had discovered his hiding place, he sent a bullet through his own brain, dying instantly. Mrs. Kellerman is still alive but very low.

The Episcopalians.

NEW YORK, Oct. 24.—In the Episcopal convention the proposed canon on deacons was adopted as follows: Unmarried women of devout character and proved fitness, may be appointed to the office of deaconess by any bi-church. Dr. Goodwin read the report of the committee on canons in reference to the petition of foreign churches. The report relates to matters of detail in reference to the government of churches. Rev. Davenport, of Springfield, attacked

the report and charged Rev. Nevins with an attempt to establish a foreign bishopric with possible headquarters at Rome. An acrimonious debate followed. The canon was adopted as offered by the committee. The report of the committee on the petition of the colored clergy was taken up and a warm debate ensued. The minority report was defeated and the majority report adopted.

In the afternoon Seth Low moved that the canon providing for a missionary episcopate over the colored churches be recommended to be reported to the next convention. Adopted. A commendatory resolution pertaining to the clergymen's fund and recommending that a similar fund be established by each diocese, was passed and the convention adjourned.

Races at Lexington.

LEXINGTON, Oct. 24.—Three-fourths of a mile—Tommy R. won, Fred Woolley second, Katie S. third. Time 1:23 1/4.

Four and one-half furlongs—Camilla won, Lottie S. second, Lady Jones third. Time 1:30 1/2.

One mile and an eight-Sportman won, Princess Bowling second, Two Starlets third. Time 2:35 1/2.

Three-fourths of a mile—Mount Lebanon won, Rosemont second, Mora third. Time 1:23.

Races in England.

LONDON, Oct. 24.—At the New Market-Boughton meeting, the Cambridgeshire stakes one mile and 240 yards, were won by J. Hammond's colt Laureate, Capt. Mac-Hell's filly Claribel second, and Capt. L. H. Jones' Theophilus third.

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THE MARKETS.

STOCKS.

NEW YORK, Oct. 24.—Bar silver 90 1/2.

Copper—Dull; firm; lake, Oct. \$11.00.

Lead—Quiet; steady; domestic, \$2.75@3.00.

The stock market was less active, especially in the afternoon, when the bears ceased their hammering operations, but the temper of dealings was irregular and feverish, but rather weak throughout most of the day. The market closed quiet and fairly steady at fractional losses for the day.

Sugar to-night is down 2 1/2. Rock Island 1 1/4, while Denver, Texas & Ft. Worth, which was the only strong feature of the day, is up 1/4. Governments unchanged.

Petroleum opened steady at 10 1/2. Renewed reports of an increased export demand caused an advance to 10 3/4, but at that figure heavy realizing sales caused a reaction. The market then became quiet and closed steady at 10 1/2.

Government bonds, 4s, 127; 4 1/2s, 105 1/2; Northern Pacific, 31 1/2; preferred, 72 1/2; Oregon Improvement, 56; Oregon Navigation, 100; Transcontinental, 23 1/2; Union Pacific, 58 1/2.

Money on call easy, 4 1/2. Prime mercantile paper 5 1/2; Sterling exchange quiet; steady; sixty-day bill, \$4.81; demand, \$4.83.

CHICAGO PRODUCE.

CHICAGO, Oct. 24, 1:15 p. m.—Close—Wheat—Weak and lower; Oct., 28 1/2; Dec., 29 1/2; May, 30 1/2. Corn—Steady; Oct., 30 1/2; Nov., 30 1/2; May, 35. Oats—Steady; Oct., 18; Nov., 18 1/2; May, 21 1/2. Pork—Easy; Oct., \$10.70; Nov., \$9.75; Jan., \$9.42 1/2.

Lard—Steady; Oct., \$6.20; Nov., \$5.97 1/2; Jan., \$5.50.

CHICAGO CATTLE.

CHICAGO, Oct. 24.—Cattle—Receipts, 14,000; slow, except for fancy; heavy, \$3.00@3.50; stockers and feeders, \$2.00@2.50; cows, bulls and mixed, \$1.20@2.20.

Hogs—Receipts, 2,300; closed strong, mixed, \$3.60@4.15; heavy, \$3.50@4.10; light, \$3.50@4.10.

Sheep—Receipts, 8,000; steady; natives, \$3.00@3.50; westerns, \$2.50@4.15.

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